

Assyrian and Persian Empires

1. Using your text or a reference map, locate and label the following:

Greece	Persian Gulf
Red Sea	Euphrates River
Caspian Sea	Asia Minor
Nile River	Mediterranean Sea
Egypt	Arabian Sea
Black Sea	Tigris River

2. Identify the Persian Empire in 500 B.C. and the Assyrian Empire about 625 B.C. and include them in a key in the blank box.
3. Use a dotted line and show the Great Royal Road.
4. Create a key in the blank box.
5. Questions
 - A. What was the geographic relationship of the two empires?
 - B. What sites of early civilizations were in both the Assyrian and the Persian empires?
 - C. Why do you think the Royal Road system developed?
 - D. What factors allowed the Persian Empire to extend farther than earlier Middle Eastern civilizations?

